

ProVu

Motor Carrier Profile Viewer

ProVu is a viewer which allows Federal, State, and private industry users to electronically analyze standard motor carrier profile reports available from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). This application displays nearly every data element found on the hard-copy version of the carrier profile in an easy-to-understand format which can be sorted, filtered, and optimized by users.

Carrier profiles come from FMCSA's Motor Carrier Management Information System (MCMIS) which is the National repository for historical information on all 600,000 interstate motor carriers operating in the United States. Foreign carriers from Canada, Mexico and Central America who operate in the U.S. are included. Intrastate carrier data is also being added to MCMIS as States move toward use of a single USDOT number to identify all motor carriers.

Data in MCMIS and on the carrier profile include:

- * ☐ Motor Carrier Identification (600,000 companies)
- * ☐ Driver/Vehicle Safety Inspections (2.3 million/yr),
- * ☐ Crashes (100,000/yr),
- * ☐ Closed Enforcement Actions (2,000/yr),
- * ☐ Compliance Reviews (10,000/yr)

MCMIS is constantly being updated. States and FMCSA field offices forward safety information collected locally to the MCMIS as soon as it has been accumulated and processed. Just identifying & reporting the basic statistics on 600,000 motor carriers is a daunting task considering there are currently no updating requirements or easy ways to remove out-of-business operators. Considering the scope of the task, MCMIS is a very effective information system.

MCMIS carrier specific profiles have long been available to the law enforcement community and the general public (for a \$27.50 fee). These reports come from the MCMIS mainframe system as paper and electronic documents. Considering that a large carrier may have thousands of inspections during a year, the profile can be quite lengthy.

ProVu solves this problem by analyzing the profile data and reformatting it into tables. The information is then grouped into different views, including crashes, inspections, drivers, vehicles, and violations. Users can apply tools such as sorting and filtering to aid in analyzing much of the profile's data.

AVAILABILITY ProVu is currently in final beta testing and should be available

shortly. Check this site for a status update. When released, ProVu will be free and available for downloading from the FMCSA SAFER web site. Visit www.safersys.org to download a copy of ProVu. Instructions for ordering electronic profiles and analyzing them with ProVu are also described on that site.

WORTH NOTING ...

FMCSA is currently in the process of rebuilding MCMIS into an Oracle-based data management system which will have ProVu-like capability for easily accessing and analyzing carrier safety data. Until that capability is available in 2002, ProVu will serve as an easy means of electronically viewing this information from the old system.

PRIVACY NOTICE Driver names and identifiers are not included in Profiles ordered by third parties. The ability to sort and filter driver information, even for Profiles ordered by law enforcement or employing motor carriers is not part of ProVu due to the Privacy Act of 1974.